of Women and Child Development is aware of the fact that the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 has not yet been properly implemented in the State of Assam.

(b) The officers of the Ministry of Women and Child Development have recently inspected the homes set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in Assam and some other North Eastern States to see the conditions prevailing in these homes in order to take suitable remedial measures. The Assam Government and some other North- Eastern State Governments have been suitably advised in the matter.

Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme

2567. DR GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the genesis and details of Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme;

(b) whether Government have any plan to open crèches for the children of working women, particularly in tribal belt of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what has been achieved so far; and

(e) the details of such crèches set up/proposed throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The genesis and details of Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme is available on the website of the Ministry www.wcd.nic.in.

(b) yes, Sir.

(c) Under Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme, it is proposed to setup 14,719 new Crèches across the country, including in the tribal belt of Rajasthan by the end of Tenth Five year plan period.

(d) So far 6 227 new Crèches have been sanctioned under the new scheme.

(e) 4827 crèches have been sanctioned to the Central Social Welfare Board, 770 to Indian Council for Child Welfare and 630 to Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh. Proposals for more new crèches have been received for consideration/approval by the Ministry.

Death of pregnant women

2568. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every fifth minute, one pregnant woman is dying in our country;

(b) if so, what actions are proposed by Government to prevent such deaths; and

(c) whether it is because of non-availability of required medical facilities in the rural India and among the poor people in urban area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) In the year 2000, UNICEF, alongwith WHO and UNFPA, estimated that 5,29,000 women die every year globally as a result of complications arising from pregnancy and childbirth. As per the data on maternal mortality ratio provided by the Sample Registration System-1998, it is estimated that about. 1.1 lakh women die every year in India due to maternal causes which implies that one woman dies every 5 minutes due to causes related to pregnancy and child birth. To reduce Maternal Mortality, Government of India is undertaking several measures, under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), to improve the availability of and access to quality health